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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT ADDENDA

1. FOLLOWING ARE GLEANINGS FROM JUNE 9 NATO
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AMBASSADORS DISCUSSION OF VISIT.

2. HEALTH: FRG AMBASSADOR DIESEL SAYS BONN ANALYSTS
COMPARED BREZHNEV PERFORMANCES IN FRG AND CZECHOSLO-
VKIA AND FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. GOC DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER JABLONSKY TOLD SOME OTHER
LOCAL NATO AMBASSADORS ON JUNE 6 THAT CZEHCOSLOVAK

OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT BREZHNEV'S SLURRING OF HIS SPEECH BUT THOUGHT THE SOVIET LEADER'S MIND REMAINED VERY KEEN. THEY WERE TOLD BY SOVIETS WHO HAD COME HERE TO PREPARE THE VISIT THAT BREZHNEV HAD ABOUT 10 MINUTE ATTENTION SPAN AND THIS CAUSED AGENDA TO BE STRUCTURED FOR BRIEF AD SERIATUM DISCUSSION OF NUMEROUS TOPICS. DIESEL NOTED SOVIETS HAD GIVEN BONN SAME ADVICE.

3. GENERAL: JABLONSKY SAID THE VISIT HAD BEEN IN WORKS SINCE DECEMBER 1977, BUT PRECISE DATES HAD BEEN SET ONLY RECENTLY. HE NOTED BREZHNEV HAD VISITED FRANCE AND FRG IN RECENT PAST BUT AMONG EE STATES HAD LAST VISITED ROMANIA IN 1976. JABLONSKY APPEARED NOTABLY DEFENSIVE IN DISCUSSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AWARDED OF SOVIET DECORATIONS TO HUSAK AND BILAK. HE OBSERVED INTER ALIA THEY WERE THE ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS OF APPROPRIATE AGE (65 AND 60) TO RECEIVE AWARDS. HE SAID HUSAK-BREZHNEV TALKS WERE LARGELY AIMED AT DEVELOPING GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. ON THE ENERGY FRONT, IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT, AFTER THE USSR ITSELF, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BECOME THE MAIN SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR POWER EQUIPMENT TO EE.

4. DETENTE: JABLONSKY EMPHASIZED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S STRONG DESIRE TO STOP THE ARMS RACE AND ECHOED SEVERAL ITEMS TOUCHED ON IN FINAL JOINT DECLARATION -- CSSR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USSR DESIRE TO MOVE TO SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT TALKS, TO MAKE PROGRESS IN MBFR, AND GET MIDDLE EAST TALKS BACK TO GENEVA. HE ALSO SAID CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE STUDYING LATEST NATO PROPOSALS AND VERY MUCH WANT TO REDUCE EAST-WEST TENSIONS. JABLONSKY AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA.

5. IN POST-VISIT DISCUSSION WITH FRG AMBASSADOR, SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR NOVIKOV ASSERTED A MAJOR THEME OF BREZHNEV VISIT HERE WAS STRESS ON PEACE IN EUROPE (HE EMPHASIZED "IN EUROPE") BEING INDIVISIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THIS WAS IMPORTANT POINT FOR FRG TO KEEP IN MIND.

6. NATO AMBASSADORS NOTED WITH INTEREST THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S BOYCOTTING OF THE CZECH PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR BREZHNEV.

7. DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.
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